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**FAMILY
SAFETY
DAY**

JUNE 20

9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Roadrunner
Community Center
Building 2797

Progress being made on new Walters Street entry point



Photo by Jason Bettisworth

Fort Sam Houston employees enter through part of the new Walters Street entry control point June 4.

By Steve Elliott
FSH News Leader

People coming onto Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston June 4 got an early look at part of the all-new entry control point that has been under construction for the past two years.

"This was a fiscal year 2010 military construction project and we are about two years into the project," said Irwin Stuart, 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron. "We're currently on schedule for a mid-September occupancy date."

"The official opening of the Walters Street gate has not happened yet,"

said Curtis Hoosier, 502nd Security Forces Squadron resource protection manager.

"This is a partial occupation for the purpose of detouring traffic from the original main lane to allow for their destruction and final phasing of construction," Hoosier added. "The official opening is still a couple of months away."

The primary purpose of \$12 million project is to increase security and it will comply with all AntiTerrorism/Force Protection guidelines.

"Once this project is complete, people will see a much smoother transition

when entering and exiting the installation," Stuart added. "When all four lanes are used during high-traffic times, the lines should be minimal."

There will also be a Visitor Control Center where visitors and vendors coming onto the installation can pull in to park and get an entry pass or whatever other information they need.

"I think everyone will see a more attractive entrance to the post as well," Stuart said. "We will have metal fencing with limestone columns in some areas and there will be limestone wing walls at the boundary."

Fort Sam Houston Army Birthday Open House

Celebrate the 237th birthday of the U.S. Army from 1 to 4:30 p.m. June 14 at the Quadrangle and other locations on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The event is open to the public and includes static displays from U.S. Army North, the U. S. Army Medical Command, 5th Recruiting Brigade, U.S. Army Installation Management Command and the Army Support Activity.

There will be displays from the Fort Sam Houston Museum and the Society for the Preservation of Fort Sam Houston and the San Antonio Living History re-enactors will discuss FSH history.

The clock tower in the Quadrangle will also be open and people can feed the animals. Various family readiness groups will be selling food items.

Senior Army North, Mexican leaders exchange insights, ideas

By Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart
ARNORTH Public Affairs

As part of an Army program that enters its 66th iteration, seven senior Mexican army general officers were hosted by U.S. Army North at the U.S. capital as part of continuing efforts to build cooperation and foster closer relationships between the two militaries.

The officers, along with their spouses, traveled to Washington, D.C., from May 21 to 25 to learn more about U.S. Army missions, activities and responsibilities during the Fifth Army Inter-American Relations Program visit.

"The program continues to

provide us an avenue to further enhance the relations between the Mexican military and our own," said Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior mission commander for Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

"These are truly long-lasting ties that will continue to support our mutual goals and benefit each of our nations."

During their stay, along with their ARNORTH hosts, Mexican army leaders visited military, government and civilian organizations as well as more aesthetic pursuits while touring the local



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Maj. Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general, First Army Division West, Fort Hood, Texas, welcomes Mexican Lt. Gen. Gerardo Ruben Serrano Herrera, director, military industry, on behalf of Army North, to the official part of the Pentagon visit May 22.

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Celebrating the Strength of the Nation: the Army's 237th Birthday

"Blessed to live in the land of the free, you could have opted for an easier path. But you know that freedom is not free. And so you volunteered and you stepped forward, and you raised your hand and you took an oath – to protect and defend; to serve a cause greater than yourself, knowing, in a time of war, you could be sent into harm's way."

President Barack Obama, Washington, Feb. 29, 2012

On this day, 237 years ago, our Nation's leaders established the Continental Army to protect oppressed colonists yearning for freedom – beginning our Army's rich heritage of defending our country and her citizens. Today, we celebrate the generations of Soldiers who embraced this calling and have served this great Nation with honor, loyalty and bravery in peace and war for more than two centuries.

Change has always been an enduring theme in our Army's experience. After our long war for independence, we adapted to meet the needs of an expanding Nation – securing frontiers, building roads and canals, and mapping new territories.

In the twentieth century, we fought two World Wars to defeat tyranny and spread the causes of freedom – emerging as the stabilizing global force. From Korea to

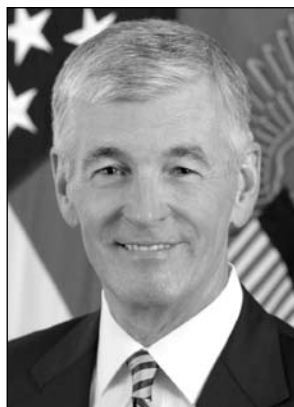
Vietnam to the Persian Gulf, we answered our Nation's every call to preserve peace and stability. And, following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, our Army made the decisive contribution to the global struggle against violent extremism.

Today, after more than a decade later, as we reflect on our accomplishments in Iraq, continue to serve our Nation's interests in Afghanistan and elsewhere, and protect the American people at home, we remain vigilant as we prepare for the challenges of an uncertain future.

Despite all this, some things have never changed. Our Army has always remained true to our enduring professional values; we value the dignity and respect of all our Soldiers, families and civilians; we honor the sacred trust our Nation places with us; and, we remain our Nation's loyal servants – defending the principles upon which our Declaration of Independence and Constitution were established.

For 237 years, America's Army has always answered the Nation's call, and we always will.

On the Army's birthday, we thank every Soldier, civilian and family member who has ever served in our ranks for your dedication to duty and the selfless service that have made us all Army Strong! Happy Birthday!



John M. McHugh
Secretary of the Army



Raymond T. Odierno
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff



Raymond F. Chandler III
Sergeant Major of the Army

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Fort Sam Houston Museum Closure

The Fort Sam Houston Museum will be closed June 14 to participate in the Army Birthday open house at the Quadrangle.

Wreath Laying Ceremony

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher A. Walls is hosting a wreath ceremony at the graveside of Sgt. Major of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve at 5 p.m. June 14 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

METC Commandant Retirement Ceremony

Navy Surgeon General Vice Adm. Matthew Nathan hosts a retirement ceremony honoring Rear Adm. Bob Kiser, the first commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus at 9 a.m. June 15 in the Anderson Hall auditorium, located at 3488 Garden Avenue, Building 1364. Kiser retires after 38 years of service to the U.S. Navy.

Counterintelligence Agent Recruiting Team Visit

The Army's Counterintelligence Special Agent recruiting team will be on Fort Sam Houston conducting two information briefings from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m. June 18 at the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade classroom on the first floor of Building 1070. Presentations will cover the MOS 35L, CI Special Agent, career field to include criteria for entry into the MOS and how to apply for reclassification, as well as the missions, assignments, and training opportunities CI special agents have. Presentations are for E4 and E5 Soldiers. For information, call (520) 533-2320 or (520) 533-5952.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Family Safety Day

The family safety day event will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 20 in the parking lot across from the Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. There will be a variety of organizations and vendors promoting safety awareness, demonstrations and displays. Event is free and open to the public.

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Top military medicine official visits SAMMC, burn unit, wounded warriors

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

The top official of military medicine visited with wounded warriors, toured the new burn unit, and the emergency department at San Antonio Military Medical Center June 8.

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and Director of TRICARE Management Activity, Dr. Jonathan Woodson, visited the hospital after he was the guest speaker for the graduating class of the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium.

Lt. Col. Booker King, associate director for the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center, gave the burn center tour.

"After I read your bio," said King as he welcomed Woodson, "I noticed we went to the same school."

After sharing their medical



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Dr. Joseph Woodson, assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs and director of TRICARE Management Activity, gives a coin to Staff Sgt. Terrance Page at San Antonio Military Medical Center. Page was injured on May 29 by a dismounted improvised explosive device which caused burn injuries to his body.

similarities and background, King explained the mission of the burn and rehab center as

they walked through the unit.

King and Woodson conversed about research, nutrition, re-

habilitation, resuscitation, and burn wound care.

Noting the responsibilities of burn care and also a vascular surgeon, Woodson commented on how working in the "burn unit is the most difficult job of all."

At the end of the tour, Woodson visited with wounded warriors in the burn unit and gave them words of praise and gratitude, and ensured they were receiving the best medical care.

"Do you have all you need?" asked Woodson to Staff Sgt. Terrance Page and his family, who was in his room.

"I have everything I need; I'm taking things one day at a time," Page answered.

Page was injured May 29 by a dismounted improvised explosive device which caused burn injuries to his body.

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Army Institute of Surgical Research's new burn center fully operational

By Steven Galvan
USAISR Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research began a new era in burn and combat casualty trauma care when the staff moved its patients into the burn intensive care unit and performed the first surgical procedure in one of two operating rooms of the new burn center in the San Antonio Military Medical Center consolidated tower at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The completion of the move comes several weeks after the initial move of the burn rehabilitation center, the outpatient clinic, the administrative section, and the clinical studies branch.

Burn Center Director, Col. (Dr.) Evan Renz, said that the

move marks a monumental milestone for the only Department of Defense burn center.

"The long anticipated occupation of the new burn center highlights the organization's enduring commitment to combat casualty care and research," Renz said.

"The new burn center challenges us to use all that we have learned during the war and improve care for the benefit of all future burn patients admitted to our center."

As the only burn center for the DOD for more than 50 years, the Burn Center has been providing specialized care for casualties with severe burns, inhalation injury, and complex soft-tissue trauma sustained in combat or accidents.

In addition, it serves as the



Photo by Steven Galvan

U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center surgeon, Lt. Cmdr. (Dr.) Christopher Burns, center, uses a surgical instrument to prepare a wound for surgery while, Burn Center Director, Col. (Dr.) Evan M. Renz, left, and OR technician Spc. Dennis Ortiz look on during the first surgery procedure performed in the new Burn Center OR on May 25 at the new consolidated tower of the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

regional burn center for South Central Texas, providing care for hundreds of civilian emer-

gency patients each year.

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USAMITC Change of Command Ceremony

Lt. Col. Beverly A. Beavers will relinquish command of the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center to Col. Andrew J. Smith at 2 p.m. June 22 at the Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841. A reception follows at the AMEDD Museum, Building 1046 at the corner of Stanley Road and Harry Wurzbach.

W.W. White Road Closure

W.W. White Road, west of the Garden Avenue intersection, will be closed until June 25. The closure will help facilitate the installation of communications equipment along with sidewalk and pavement repairs. Anyone requiring access to areas around this location are encouraged to use alternate routes.

BAMC Troop Command Change of Command

Lt. Col. Corrina A. Dixon will relinquish command of the Troop Command, Brooke Army Medical Center, to Lt. Col. Beverly S. Scott at 9 a.m. July 9 at the Fort Sam Houston main post flagpole on Stanley Road. The inclement weather location is the Big Area Tent at 3100 Marvin R. Wood.

Commercial Travel Office Contact Numbers

The Fort Sam Houston's Commercial Travel Office, Carlson-Wagonlit SATO Travel, phone number is now 1-866-282-0499 for reservations and 1-866-650-7909 for fax.

FSH Thrift Shop Opens in mid-August

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area is opening a thrift shop on Fort Sam Houston in mid-August. The shop will be open to receive donations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 9. The shop is located at 3100 Zinn, Building 1154, near the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information, call (405) 415-5606.

32nd Medical Brigade Change of Responsibility, Retirement Ceremony

Command Sgt. Maj. Harry L. Tharp will relinquish responsibilities

56th Signal Battalion Soldiers raise communications for BTH Guatemala 2012

By Cpl. Antony S. Lee

Task Force Arriero/
BTH-Guatemala Public Affairs

A team of 10 active duty Soldiers from the 56th Signal Battalion at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston have been playing an important role for Task Force Arriero in support of Beyond the Horizon Guatemala 2012, a humanitarian exercise led by the Missouri National Guard in Coban, Guatemala.

"We establish and maintain the data services and communication services, and we have tactical communications," said Staff Sgt. Vinson Hammonds, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the team, which has provided communications and data services for task force operations.

The signal team is running two different sides at the tactical operations center, Hammonds added.

On one side, the data team has established Internet capabilities and maintained

networks. On the other side, the radio team has maintained readiness as a secondary communication in the case of network failure.

The radio side has also been sending Soldiers out to work sites, where U.S. service members are building clinics and schools, to support communications for emergencies.

"My job here is to make sure the single channel tactical satellite is operational and maintained," said Sgt. Jason Debaker, a senior radio operator maintainer.

Many of the Soldiers have been deployed to Central America before. The 56th Signal Battalion regularly provides communication support for overseas operations run by U.S. Army South. Every year, they deploy to support operations such as BTH 2012.

"It's a great opportunity to see another country besides Afghanistan or Iraq," Hammonds said, adding that when they are not overseas, they are preparing for it.



Photo by Spc. Anthony D. Jones

"When we're back in the United States, we do mission-readiness exercises. We are constantly setting up all of our equipment to make sure it's fully mission capable."

Last year, Hammonds spent four months in Haiti, where he was a part of the radio team. This is his second time in Gua-

temala.

"We have had a good experience down here," Hammonds said. "We have a great relationship with the task force."

Debaker, who was in El Salvador on a similar mission last year, said he has enjoyed

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59 MDW sergeant at SAMMC receives senior leadership award

By Staff Sgt Micky M. Bazaldúa
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

A member of the 59th Medical Wing assigned to the San Antonio Military Medical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is the recipient of the 2011 Air Force Medical Service Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Award.

Senior Master Sgt. Lorraine A. Hieskill, superintendent of the 59th Surgical Inpatient Squadron, was recognized at SAMMC May 29 by top AFMS leadership for her outstanding contributions.

Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles B. Green, surgeon general of the Air Force and Chief Master

Sergeant Charles R. Cole, chief of the Medical Enlisted Force, presented the very first award of its kind to Hieskill. Other key leaders attending were Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Byron Hepburn, commander, 59th Medical Wing and Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commander, Brooke Army Medical Center.

"I couldn't be prouder that it happened down here at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, the place where we're integrating and bringing people together," Green said.

The prestigious honor is awarded to only one senior NCO in the medical service.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Micky M. Bazaldúa

Master Sgt. Lorraine A. Hieskill, superintendent of the 59th Surgical Inpatient Squadron, is awarded the first Air Force Medical Service Senior NCO Leadership Award May 29. The award was presented by Lt. Gen. Charles B. Green, surgeon general of the Air Force and Chief Master Sgt. Charles R. Cole, chief, Medical Enlisted Force, Office of the Surgeon General.

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Army Surgeon General Horoho addresses AUSA luncheon

By Phil Reidinger
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Opening her remarks at the Association of the United States Army quarterly luncheon May 31, Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command and Army surgeon general made note of the Army's 237th birthday on June 14.

"Since 1775, Army Medicine has been there," she said. "In every conflict the U.S. Army has fought, Army Medicine stood shoulder to shoulder with our fighting forces in the deployed environment and received them here at home when they returned."

Shortly after establishing the Continental Army, Gen. George Washington directed the appointment of an Apothecary General during the Revolutionary War.

The U.S. Army Medical Department was formed on July 27, 1775 when the Continental Congress

authorized a medical service for an Army of 20,000 men.

"We must also remember that woven into that celebrated fabric is the history of Army Medicine. I am so proud of the Soldiers of Army Medicine and their phenomenal accomplishments," she added.

Horoho described risks to readiness. "Sleep is one of the big three, the other two being nutrition and exercise," she said.

She noted that during World War II, at least 40 percent of potential military recruits were undernourished. But today, the military has the opposite problem. A growing number of potential recruits are too overweight to fight.

"More than 9 million Americans of prime recruiting age are too heavy to join," the general said. "Only one in four young adults between the ages of 17 and 24 is eligible for military service."

Sleep is important she said. One third of an in-

dividual's life is sleep and needs to be more than six hours per night. Sleep is also critical to maintaining a healthy weight.

Horoho emphasized the health of the nation and the health of the military are not separate.

"Army Medicine cannot overlook the issues that slowly threaten the health of our population," she said.

Horoho noted that there are 525,600 minutes in the year of a life of a Soldier or family member, which she called "LifeSpace."

During this period, the average Soldier or family member spends 100 minutes in hospitals and clinics – on average at five 20-minute appointments.

"In order for us to get to health, we must empower the population we serve, move beyond the



Photo by Phil Reidinger

Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army surgeon general, met with former San Antonio city councilman Carroll Schubert and other civic leaders following the quarterly AUSA luncheon May 31. Schubert serves on the Military Transformation Task Force comprised of political, civic and business leaders that evaluates community support for military operations in the greater San Antonio area.

100 minutes, and influence behaviors in the LifeSpace" she said, "to move forward from a healthcare system

to a system of health.

"If we want to move from healthcare to health, we need to influence the

99.98 percent of our Soldiers, retirees and family members' lives outside our clinics" she emphasized.

MEDCOM selects Soldier, NCO of the Year



Photos by Erin Perez

Sgt. Christopher Dettor, representing the European Regional Medical Command, has his kick blocked during the final round of the combatives event.

By Lindan A. Moya
Southern Regional Medical
Command Public Affairs

Eighteen Soldiers, representing the subordinate commands of United States Army Medical Command, competed for the 2012 MEDCOM Soldier of the Year and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year titles during the MEDCOM Best Warrior Competition June 3 through 8.

This week-long competition took place at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and was organized and run by Southern Regional Medical Command, with support from other MEDCOM subordinate commands.

Triple-digit temperatures this year made the demanding competition that much more difficult.

This challenging series of

events is meant to test the physical and mental stamina and warrior task knowledge of each competitor to select the best of the best to represent the MEDCOM at the Army Wide Best Warrior Competition.

The competition consists of the Army Physical Fitness Test, weapons qualification, warrior tasks, an oral board, a mystery event, combatives, day and night land navigation, and a written exam with an essay.

Staff Sgt. Craig Wayman, from U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Fort Detrick, Md., won the title of MEDCOM NCO of the Year, and Spc. Henry Odele, from Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, Fort Polk, La., won for MEDCOM Soldier of the Year.

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Spc. Henry E. Odele, representing Southern Regional Medical Command, reviews Warrior Tasks at a break during the MEDCOM Best Warrior competition at Camp Bullis.

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The winners were announced during the awards ceremony and luncheon and were presented the Army Commendation Medal.

MEDCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Donna A. Brock applauded the Soldiers and NCOs for taking on the challenge and implored them to continue to be the best.

“We are proud of each and every one of our competitors,” Brock said. “These Soldiers and NCOs embody the very best of Army Medicine.”

Wayman and Odele will represent MEDCOM at the U.S. Army Best Warrior competition Oct. 15 through 18 at Fort Lee, Va., and as Wayman put it, “They better get ready for MEDCOM because this time, we’re bringing the heat!”



Photos by Erin Perez

A Soldier leads his team to a simulated Afghan village while on patrol during the MEDCOM Best Warrior competition.



Spc Henry E. Odele looks underneath a vehicle for weapons, explosives or other contraband during a checkpoint inspection during the MEDCOM Best Warrior Competition.

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his time in Guatemala. He said Guatemala is a “beautiful country” and that he has become good friends with some Guatemalans.

“They’ve been teaching me Spanish while I teach them English,” Debaker said.

Sgt. Javier Rodriguez, an information systems operator, has taken advantage

of his first trip in Guatemala and gone out to many of the construction sites.

“It was interesting to see how the kids and the locals reacted to us,” he said.

His first time in the country has been smooth because of the task force, he added.

“The chain of command is helpful,” Rodriguez said. “They support us which makes our job easier to support them.”

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In the past, the awards program cited a winner in each of the 17 medical specialty career codes.

Cole described the award as something “given to those who develop and care for Airmen and their teams.”

Hieskill was also previously recognized by Hepburn as the 59th MDW's top senior NCO in 2011.

“It's not about the uniform that we wear, but who we bring to the fight and how we bring each other up. I couldn't be happier than in the section I work with,” Hieskill said.

Nelson takes command of 264th Medical Battalion

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Timothy Hudson relinquished command of the 264th Medical Battalion to Lt. Col. Neil Nelson during a change of command ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field June 6.

The 264th Medical Battalion is responsible for the Advanced Individual Training for seven different medical Military Occupational Specialties, consisting of an average daily student population of more than 800 Soldiers.

“Changes of command are always bittersweet and today is no different,” said Lt. Col. William LaChance, 32nd Medical Brigade commander.

“We bid fond farewell to Tim Hudson, an officer who has led his battalion to achieve consistently superior results over the last two years.”

The ceremony included an inspection of troops, presentation of colors, the National Anthem by the 323rd Army Band, “Fort Sam's Own” and a pass in review by the new commander.

“Tim Hudson is a win-

ner in every sense of the word, and his people, this battalion and their accomplishments reflect that mindset,” LaChance said.

“It is all about the Soldiers in the field,” Hudson said. “The 264th does not train technicians ... the 264th trains Soldiers who still know how to use their weapons, react to indirect and direct fire, use a signal ground channel guard to call the nine line and even provide ground fire for the Soldier while they evacuate.”

Nelson has served as



Photo by Esther Garcia

Lt. Col. Neil Nelson, the incoming commander for the 264th Medical Battalion, takes over the duties of the battalion during the change of command ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field held June 6.

LaChance's executive officer the past 11 months.

“The Soldiers on the field represent the true beauty of not only Fort Sam Houston but our Army and all that is good and right in this nation,” Nelson said.

“That is why I am excited to take command of this outfit.”

In addition to medical training, the battalion conducts physical training, modern combatives five times a week, basic soldiers skills such as warrior tasks and battle drills, rifle marksmanship, drill and ceremony and training in the areas of communication and land navigation.

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"It is my honor and privilege to meet you," Woodson said.

Before heading off to the emergency department, Woodson also thanked the burn staff for their hard work and dedication in providing medical care to the patients.

"Thank you all very much for your talents and compassion in taking care of our wounded warriors," Woodson said. "Our wounded warriors care cannot be better without you."

Emergency department and the rooftop helipad tour were next on the schedule and Col. James King, chief of

the emergency department, continued with the tour.

"This is such a beautiful place to be," said Woodson after his tour of the facilities. "This medical center is paving the way for other medical centers to follow. I appreciate everything that is done here."

SAMMC is the largest inpatient medical facility in the Department of Defense, the only burn center, the first rooftop helipad, and only Level 1 Trauma Center in the United States. SAMMC plays a critical role in patient care, graduate medical education and research, as well as taking care of wounded service members.

USAISR from P3

"Our role as a regional burn center is twofold," said burn center chief nurse Lt. Col. Louis Stout.

"The first is to provide a critical service. The second is the necessity to remain clinically proficient in times of peace so that we can assume our mission rapidly in times of conflict," Stout added. "These are perishable skills that are not easily, or quickly, mastered and must be maintained."

The center is located on the fourth floor of the new seven-story tower at SAMMC and is approximately 40 percent larger than the previous unit.

Some of the new features include two operating rooms with cameras installed in the surgical lights to transmit live videos of surgical procedures to monitors in the operating rooms and nurses' stations, and a conference room for educational purposes for medical students and staff.

The new facility also combines two eight-bed BICUs into one 16-bed unit where each BICU room utilizes a 360-degree design in which most of the vital equipment is attached to a ceiling-mounted boom, allowing the patient's bed to rotate completely around the room.

"The successful transition to the new burn center has validated the integral value of a multidisciplinary approach to patient care," said clinical nurse Maj. Trinity Peak, BICU officer-in-charge.

"It also reaffirmed staff that they have the skills and knowledge to accomplish our mission anywhere and at anytime, while never losing sight of the 'why,' the patient."

Since 2003, the burn center has cared for approximately 1,000 wounded warriors evacuated from Iraq and



Photo by Steven Galvan

Col. (Dr.) Evan M. Renz, director of the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center, perform the first surgical procedure on May 25 in one of two new operating rooms at the new burn center located at the consolidated tower of the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Afghanistan and 2,500 civilian patients from the South Central Texas region. The Burn Center employs approximately 300 staff members with multiple critical burn care skills from the Army, civil service, and contractors.

The USAISR is a subordinate command of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. The mission to "optimize combat casualty care" is accomplished by conducting science and clinical research in the fields of damage control resuscitation, hemostasis, engineering, and tissue regeneration affecting combat casualties, including burns.

The dogs of war: saving lives but paying the price

“The dogs take the threat away from the human being.”

John Kello, field service representative



Photos by L.A. Shively

Marine Cpl. Jared Charpentier spends some much-needed down time with his partner Gracie, a black Labrador Retriever, after looking for hidden bombs and explosive materials with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment in Sangin, Afghanistan. Here, Gracie springs to action to look for hidden bombs as Charpentier gives her the hand signal.

By L.A. Shively
FSH News Leader

Can courage be measured in a canine heart? Can a dog actually be a hero?

Take Gabe for instance, a yellow Labrador Retriever who has three Army Commendation Medals and an Army Achievement Medal for finding explosives in Iraq. Actually, Gabe's awards are not for finding weapons, ammunition, or bombs; but for saving lives.

How about Cairo, the Belgian Malinois that accompanied SEAL Team Six to Pakistan on the mission to kill Osama bin Laden? Cairo and the Navy SEALs were honored in a presidential ceremony marking the mission's success – they got the bad guy.

If dogs can be heroes, can they also suffer the ravages of combat, just as humans do?

Allie, a friendly black Labrador Retriever trained to find roadside bombs, was injured in a mortar blast in Marjah, half-way through her third tour in Afghanistan. This was her second injury and included complications and infection from a field suture.

“It traumatized her, so she's having trouble with loud noises,” said Maj. Dawn Brown, a Marine Corps reservist with the 3rd Civil Affairs Group out of Camp Pendleton, Calif. A civilian veterinarian, Brown works with livestock and large animals in Afghanistan while deployed.

“She startles and shuts down during a bomb blast or small arms fire,” Brown said, adding she believes Allie is suffering from combat-related stress.

Brown, a native of Bonsall, Calif., walked Allie occasionally while the dog was at Camp Leatherneck for several weeks before being sent for evaluation and reset training.

Keeping the dogs in the fight save lives explains John Kello, one of the field service representatives contracted to train and coordinate the Improvised Detec-

tion Dogs at Camp Leatherneck.

“The dogs take the threat away from the human being,” said Kello, who hails from Windsor, Va. “Nothing is more effective at finding IEDs. Plus it's a morale boost,” he said, adding the dogs offer a small respite for the Soldiers and Marines.

“Everybody out there is sacrificing their physical well being, their families. They give a lot and it takes a toll,” Kello said.

When the dogs get sick or wounded, they are medivac'd out of the battle zone – if transportation is available. An Army veterinarian picks the patients up at the flight line and rushes them to the veterinary clinic for treatment.

Army veterinarian teams in Regional Command Southwest, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, included Maj. Dennis Bell and Capt. SaraRose Knox, both with the 401st Army Field Support Brigade Veterinary Services at Camp Leatherneck, Capt. Sean McPeck, with 436rd Medical Detachment Veterinary Service at Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan, and a veterinary clinic in Kabul, Afghanistan.

More than five percent of the nearly 650 military dogs currently deployed with American combat troops are developing a canine form of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, said Dr. Walter F. Burghardt Jr., chief of behavioral medicine at the Daniel E. Holland Military Working Dog Hospital at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base.

Though veterinarians recognize behavioral problems in animals, the concept of canine PTSD is fairly recent, Burghardt explained; coming on the heels of a greater number of dogs used in theater to find bombs and explosive material.

The Department of Defense considers improvised explosive devices to be the weapons of choice for terrorists in places like Afghanistan, an undeveloped country of mostly rural communities.



Maj. Dennis Bell, a veterinarian with the 401st Army Field Support Brigade Veterinary Services at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, comforts one of his patients, Tory, brought to the clinic after seven days of not eating. Tory had ingested part of a blanket and Bell and fellow Army veterinarian, Dr. SaraRose Knox, had to operate and remove the mass from her stomach and intestines. Until her infirmity, Tory was “outside the wire” searching for bombs with her Marine handler at various forward operating posts in Afghanistan.

IEDs typically contain fertilizer and chemicals used in farming, with little or no metal making them nearly invisible to mine-sweeping apparatus – equipment that operates in a similar fashion as metal detectors.

Explosive detector dogs can sense odor concentrations as small as one to two parts per billion, too small to measure with current equipment according to an Air Force fact sheet on military working dogs. Labradors are used most often as they can smell 17 different odors associated with homemade explosives.

On patrol, the handler and dog team ranges ahead.

“When someone thinks there is something, the dog would go and check it out. We would have what we call confirms,” said Marine Cpl. Jared Charpentier, who spent several months in Sangin, Afghanistan, looking for IEDs with his partner, Gracie, a black

Labrador Retriever.

“If she hit on something and there would be an IED – which happened a couple of times – we took care of it with (Explosive Ordnance Disposal). We didn't miss anything, so I feel pretty good about the work that we did,” said Charpentier, a native of Moses Lake, Wash.

The corporal is glad he and Gracie have returned to Camp Leatherneck unscathed and that Gracie saved lives through their work together. Other dogs, like Allie, may not be able to continue hunting for bombs after they are injured.

“When a dog comes back with gunfire issues, we look at how she acts, how she reacts, where her tail is at and how she responds to commands,” said Chad O'Brien, a field service representative. “We have to see if they can deal with the gunfire and get back to work – that's part of the

game.”

Different dogs exhibit different symptoms, but those symptoms are similar to indications of PTSD in a human. Some dogs become hyper-vigilant or overly aggressive, while others hide or shut down completely. Although Allie still fetches her Kong toy and continues to sniff for explosive material on command, but at the sound of gunfire at a nearby training range, her tail goes down and she becomes skittish.

When a dog stops hunting for hidden bombs and explosive material – running off to hide at the onset of gunfire or explosions – handlers end up chasing them, creating an unsafe situation in a combat zone.

“It's not worth the risk if the Marines have to go find her,” O'Brien, a native of Burnham, Maine, said.

Allie was with the 3rd Bat-



Maj. Dawn Brown, a Marine Corps reservist with the 3rd Civil Affairs Group at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, plays with Allie, a black Labrador Retriever, employed to search for terrorists' bombs and explosive materials.

talion, 3rd Marines who deemed she was no longer fit for service in the field. She was returned to Camp Leatherneck for decompression and then sent back to Southern Pines, N.C. for reset training. Some dogs may return to Lackland for reset as well.

“Just like with a person, you bring them back and give them time to rest and recover and then re-expose them to that and see how they behave and react,” explained Bell.

Reset training involves desensitizing the dog to the loud booms of simulated mortar rounds and arms fire. There is a lot of emotion in each scenario too. But no matter the amount

of training, the actual experience of being under fire cannot be reproduced.

“You can't duplicate what goes on outside the wire,” O'Brien said. There's no way – that energy; that fear; that excitement. We simulate, not duplicate (the experiences).”

Allie has three shots at recertifying and being returned to bomb sniffing in Afghanistan, O'Brien said. But for the most part, dogs sent out of theater do not come back into the battle space.

“If they can't make it here on game day, they can't do it,” O'Brien said. “You can't train for the Super Bowl the day before.”

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of 32nd Medical Brigade to Command Sgt. Maj. Jayme Johnson at 8:30 a.m. June 22 during a ceremony at the post flagpole on Stanley Road. Tharp retires following 30 years of military service. The inclement weather location is Evans Theater on Gardner Road.

32nd Medical Brigade Change of Command Ceremony

Col. William LaChance will relinquish command of the 32nd Medical Brigade to Col. Johnathan Fristoe at 8 a.m. July 3 at MacArthur Parade Field. The inclement weather location is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

5th Bde, Army Cadet Command Change of Command

Col. Bridget M. Rourke will relinquish command of the 5th Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command to Col. James E. Dodson at 11 a.m. July 20 at the AMEDD Museum, AMEDD

Museum, Building 1046 at the corner of Stanley Road and Harry Wurzbach. Ceremony will be conducted outside, reception to follow inside the museum.

Kelly Family Health Clinic Move, Renaming

The Kelly Family Health Clinic will relocate to the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center June 25. The clinic officially closes June 21. When it reopens at WHASC, the name will change to Family Health Clinic. Patients requiring non-emergency medical needs should call 916-9900 for appointments. The new clinic's entrance at WHASC will be located on the first floor across from the Internal Medicine Clinic. Patient parking is in Lot C. For more information, call 925-6336.

Veterans Retraining Assistance Program

The Department of Veteran Affairs is now accepting applications for the Veterans Retraining Assistance

Program. The program offers up to 12 months of training assistance to unemployed veterans and rolls out July 1. To qualify, a veteran must be at least 35 but no more than 60 years old; be unemployed; have an other than dishonorable discharge; not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program (e.g.: the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Assistance); not be in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployability; and not be enrolled in a Federal or state job training program. Participants may receive up to 12 months of assistance equal to the monthly full-time payment rate under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty program (currently \$1,473 per month). DOL will offer employment assistance to every veteran who participates upon completion of the program. For more information, visit: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/vow/>. Veterans should go to eBenefits to apply at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>.

Army North announces Soldier and NCO of the year

By Sgt. Lee Ezzell
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, U.S. Army North commanding general and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, met with contestants for Army North's Soldier and NCO of the year June 12.

After speaking briefly with the contestants and their sponsors, Caldwell announced that Spc. David Nakasone, of the 84th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion, had won the Soldier of the year competition and Sgt. Veronica Salinas, of the 323rd Army Band, had won the NCO of the Year competition.

Both Soldiers were recognized for their efforts by Caldwell as well as Command Sgt. Maj. David Wood, U.S. Army North senior enlisted leader.

"The best part of the competition was all the training involved," Salinas said. "We were able to get



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

The winners of the U.S. Army North Soldier and NCO of the year competition, Spc. David Nakasone (right, center) and Sgt. Veronica Salinas (left, center), pose with Lt. Gen. William Caldwell (far left), commanding general U.S. Army North and senior commander Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, and Command Sgt. Maj. David Wood, U.S. Army North senior enlisted advisor.

out and actually do different things."

However, Nakasone reflected that "not knowing a board question was probably the worst part." He continued. "You can't run

faster or push harder all you can do is sit there."

Nakasone and Salinas will represent U.S. Army North in July for the title of Forces Command Soldier and NCO of the year.



Photo by Deyanira Romo Russell

Jennifer Roddy works on a mural in the kids' section of the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library during Impact Day. Roddy was one of 52 volunteers who spread out between the library and the Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus to make a difference in the lives of children.

Volunteers make an impact on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

By Deyanira Romo Russell
502nd FSS Marketing

Throwing a Frisbee or a softball in their own mini-Olympics, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston youth were all champions during Deloitte Impact Day June 8.

An army of volunteers descended on the Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus and the Keith A. Campbell Library.

At the fitness center, staff and volunteers teamed up to challenge youth from the childcare centers in all sorts of sports.

Six-year-old Caitlin Knox wanted to make

the mini-Olympics a daily routine. She said, "This is so fun. I want to be here every day!"

At the same time, another group of volunteers spent the day at the library providing story time for toddlers, workshops for teens and a host of beautification projects. The volunteers embraced the "Reading is So Delicious" summer reading program theme by reading books on food and fitness.

"This is an extension of our summer reading program which has been wildly popular again this summer. Plus, the volunteers are doing a fantastic job of sprucing up the library," said Rob-

bye Durham, supervisory librarian.

Volunteer Jennifer Roddy helped paint a mural in the kid's section of the library.

"This is my first impact day. I'm very proud that I work for a company that dedicates an entire day to commit resources and manpower to bettering communities all around the United States," Roddy said.

Other volunteers worked outside power washing the sidewalks, clearing weeds and planting flowers. The summer reading program runs every Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. with occasional special events, like Impact Day.

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monuments and historical sites.

The Mexican officers were briefed on Army North's role in homeland defense, civil support and theater security cooperation. They also were presented briefings by several departments within the government, such as the Texas State senate office, the Office of the Secretary of the Army, and they also met the Chief of Staff and the Sergeant Major of the Army.

As is the case with Army North, defense support of civil authorities is one of the mainstays of the Mexican army. ARNORTH's mission in supporting civil authorities during disasters is similar to the mission of the Mexican military in support of its government's efforts during such times.

The similar mission sets provide the two an opportunity to share their "shared" experiences in mitigating natural threats that endanger people on either side of the border, said Leo Muniz, ARNORTH political and military advisor.

The program is beneficial for both countries and is important in that it provides an opportunity for the Mexican and U.S. militaries to further develop and maintain a cooperative relationship – one that is built on mutual trust and confidence.

FIARP provides Army North personnel an opportunity to present U.S. military forces in a political and historical context to their Mexican counterparts and to increase their understanding of U.S. Army missions, activities and responsibilities.

The program, and other U.S.-Mexico ventures, has made progress in many areas of common concern and continues to be invaluable in helping to shape the relationship between the U.S. and Mexico far into the future.

The first full day included a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where the visiting officers and their spouses were able to see a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of the FIARP visit. They also visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, witnessed the changing of the Sentinels, and concluded with a stop at

the Eternal Flame.

Established after World War II, ARNORTH's Fifth Army Inter-American Relations Program is an annual weeklong program in which Army North personnel host the visiting Mexican senior leaders during their visit to the United States.

The intent of the program is to build rapport, understanding and confidence with senior Mexican officers and their spouses while sharing information about the U.S. Army and the American way of life in a professional, social and cultural context.

Historically, FIARP has provided a solid foundation upon which to build and improve relations between the two militaries, said Maj. Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general, First Army Division West, Fort Hood, Texas. Just as important, it has enabled the sharing of lessons learned and exchanging of military and civil knowledge at all levels.

Wiggins has extensive experience with FIARP after serving as Army North's deputy commanding before moving on to his current position.



As We Grow

June 14, 12:30-2 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-0349.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills

June 14, 3-4:30 p.m., Randolph Air Force Base, call 221-0349.

Balancing Marriage and Baby

June 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Women Encouraging Women

June 15, 11 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Father's Day Basketball Tournament

June 15, 6-7 p.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-3164.

BOSS Summer Bash

June 16, 5-10 p.m., Benner Barracks. There will be food, music, games and prizes. Call 221-0973 or 221-3949.

Vacation Bible Study

June 16-20 at Freedom Chapel, JBSA-Lackland, call 671-4208.
June 18-22 at Randolph Elementary, JBSA-Randolph, call 652-7237.

Debt Liquidation

June 18, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

HUGS playgroup

June 19, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Key Caller Training

June 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Coupon Class

June 19, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Family Readiness Group/FR Support Assistant Forum

June 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

FRG for Commanders

June 20, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Talk is Cheap

June 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Stress Management

June 20, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Red Cross Building 2650, call 221-0349.

Self Paced Initial First Term Financial Readiness

June 20, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

CARE Team Training

June 20, 1-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Swim Lessons

Registration is underway for summer swim lessons which run through Aug. 3. The cost is \$40/child per session. Lessons are scheduled from 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. depending on age. Registration is available Monday-Friday, noon-7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Sessions are Monday-Friday for two weeks and include eight days of instruction, a certificate of participation, a swim lesson T-shirt

and class picture.

Youth Horsemanship Camp

Camps are June 18-22, 25-29, July 9-13, 16-20, 23-27, 30, and Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center, Building 3550, Trooper Road for children ages 7-17. The cost for the camp is \$195. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. Call 224-7207.

Word Level 2

June 21, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Archery Shoot

June 23-24, 8-10 a.m., Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Area, call 295-7577.

Sportsman's Flea Market

June 23-24, and DOD ID cardholder can rent a table to sell gently used sporting goods and clothing on a first come, first served basis. Outside table cost \$5 and inside table cost \$10. Call 295-7577.

Access Level 1

June 26, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Access Level 2

June 27, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Fitness and Sports Athlete of the Year

Service members participating in intramural sports programs, monthly sporting events, varsity or extramural sports are eligible for nomination as the Athlete of the Year. Activities performed throughout the calendar year will be evaluated. An Athlete of the Year will be selected for each branch of service. Nomination packages are available at any of the Fort Sam Houston fitness centers or online at <http://fortsammmwr.com>. The deadline for submission is Nov. 30. Call 808-5710.

Lemon Lot

The Lemon Lot on Fort Sam Houston is in the process of moving. The new lot is expected to open in late May.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Fredericksburg Founders Walk

The Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk June 16 starting at the Parish Hall of Christ Lutheran Church, 1419 Cherry Springs Rd. in Fredericksburg. Walks start between 7 and 11 a.m., finish by 2 p.m. Call 830-285-1195 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/AVA1/>.

Juneteenth Freedom Parade

Parade will begin 10 a.m. June 16 at E. Houston St. and North Cherry and end at the west gate of the Freeman Coliseum. There will be an historical ceremony at the Freeman Coliseum in Exhibit Hall C.

There will be food and entertainment. For more information, call 870-3009 or click on <http://www.juneteenthusa.com>.

Warrant Officer Association

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will meet at 5:30 p.m. June 18 at the Longhorn Café at the corner of Rittiman and Harry Wurzbach. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current

or retired warrant officers are invited. Call 221-7327 or 666-9818.

SAS Honors Veterans

SAS Shoemakers invites the San Antonio community to help celebrate the nation's birthday by honoring veterans and active servicemen from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 30 at their store in Schertz at 17995 IH-35 N, off Exit 176. Call 651-5312 for information. SAS also plans to make a donation to the Honor Flight Network and Wounded Warrior Network.

Retirement Planning Seminars

The Alamo Federal Executive Board is offering Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Retirement System planning seminars at the Education Services Center 20 (near Fort Sam Houston), 1314 Hines Avenue July 13 and 23. Sign up at <http://sanantoniofeb.org/?p=494> Cost is \$10 and seating is limited. Call 565-1860.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Call 658 2344 for more information.

Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months.

Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

Blue Star Museums Free for Military

Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,600 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel, including active Reserve and National Guard, and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2012. San Antonio attractions honoring this include The Alamo, Casa Navarro State Historic Site, Institute of Texan Cultures, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio Museum of Art, Southwest School of Art and Villa Finale. Visit <http://arts.gov> for more details.

Quarry Farmers and Ranchers Market

Every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Quarry Market adjacent to Whole Foods Market, 255 E. Basse Road. Some vendors offer military discounts, live entertainment and kid's activities. Visit <http://quarryfarmersmarket.com> or call 722-5077.

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Life Guarding Lessons

Children age 15 and older may train to be certified lifeguards on Fort Sam Houston by completing one of four sessions. All sessions will be conducted at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center indoor pool for \$160 per person. Call 221-1234.

Catfish by the Pound

The catfish pond on Camp Bullis is open Saturdays and Sundays, noon-6 p.m., the cost is \$3/pound, call 295-7529.

Sportsman Range

The sportsman range is open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Camp Bullis. Participants are required to provide their own equipment for the range. Cost is \$5/ DOD ID card holder. Call 295-7529.

Air Force Education & Training Center

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St., call 221-2135.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and

math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

Sports Scores

For Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

Stilwell House

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam House, Inc. a 501(C)(3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

ROTC Green to Gold

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a Green to Gold Program brief on the second Monday of each month excluding training and federal holidays. Briefings will be at 2 p.m. at the Post Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. For more information, call 295-2006, 295-0429, 458-5607 or 436-3415.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the

conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.



FOR SALE: REM Martinique king-size bed with wave adjustable base. Each side of the bed has a remote control that elevates both head and/or foot and activates massage individually. Excellent condition. Goes for \$6,800 retail, asking \$2,899. Call 659-6741.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Jun 14	Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19
San Antonio Texas	95° Partly Cloudy	93° Partly Cloudy	92° Partly Cloudy	92° Partly Cloudy	94° Mostly Sunny	95° Mostly Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	89° Sunny	89° Mostly Sunny	87° Mostly Sunny	86° Mostly Sunny	86° Mostly Sunny	87° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of June 12

CURRENT LEVEL * = 647.5'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'
Stage I - 660'
Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'
Stage IV - 640.5'
Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.

